



Tulsa Area Businessman & Former Jenks Mayor Kelly Dunkerley Announces Candidacy for Tulsa County Commissioner Dist. 3, Ron Peters Announces Retirement for January 2022

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Tulsa, OK – Earlier today, Republican Businessman Kelly Dunkerley, an insurance professional with over 25 years of experience in business, leadership, media relations, insurance, government affairs and civic engagement – declared his candidacy for Tulsa County Commissioner District 3 following the announcement of Commissioner Ron Peters’ retirement. District 3 largely covers mid/south Tulsa, Glenpool, Bixby, Broken Arrow, and parts of Jenks. Peters’ Deputy Commissioner, Mrs. Vicki Adams, will fulfill the unexpired term (1 year) remaining.

Dunkerley states, “I’d like to thank Commissioner Peters for his years of public service to Tulsans. He’s served the citizens well and was responsive to constituents – an effective communicator and great leader. Now I’m humbly asking the voters to support my campaign as I work to champion our conservative values in county government.” Upon announcing his candidacy, Dunkerley received overwhelming support from local, county, & state leaders who cover the District (Tulsa County Commissioner District 3). Among early endorsers include leaders from a wide variety of backgrounds:

- State Representative Sheila Dills
- Businessman & State Senator Cody Rogers
- Broken Arrow Businessman Christian Price
- Businessman Mark Tedford
- Construction Developer Josh McFarland
- Tulsa Businessman Jim Nicolotti
- Tulsa Businessman Justin Langston
- Former Tulsa County GOP Committee Member Roger Scott
- Mabrey Bank Chief Lending Officer & Jenks City Councilor Kevin Short
- Air Force Veteran & Jenks Mayor Cory Box
- Former Mayor Josh Wedman of Jenks
- Former Vice Mayor Mike Sharp of Jenks
- Retired Tulsa Police Officer & Jenks City Councilor Craig Murray
- Retired Registered Nurse & Jenks City Councilor Kaye Lynn
- Glenpool Public Schools Coach & Teacher & Jenks City Councilor Rod Cline
- Former City Councilor Bo Summers



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Dunkerley’s experience includes work in diverse environments: large corporation, small business, state government, municipal government, chambers of commerce and nonprofit organizations. Kelly has a successful track record as a team leader in creating high performing environments, finding and developing solutions, building coalitions, coordinating public policy strategies, managing crisis communication situations, and handling catastrophe response media campaigns.

"Kelly Dunkerley is a man of faith & a dedicated conservative. He has decades of work-related experience and a proven track record championing conservative values. I'm proud to support him in his bid for County Commissioner." - Sheila Dills, State Rep. District 69

As a leader, Dunkerley has a passion for coaching and people development, analyzing and solving problems, customer service and reputation management. He emphasizes continuous learning, entrepreneurial thinking, pro-active communication, positive messaging, and consensus building. Dunkerley led multiple professional teams for over ten years, responsible for media and government relations in 18 states across the Central US, for State Farm Insurance.

In various roles, Dunkerley has built relationships with Federal and State Officeholders, Insurance Commissioners, State Legislators, as well as County and City Officials over the past two decades.

Community engagement is important to Kelly. His board service includes: Tulsa County Board of Adjustment, Knights of Columbus, City Council, Chambers of Commerce, Junior Achievement, Safe Kids and Rebuilding Together Tulsa. Kelly enjoys out-door ranch work, reading, physical fitness, traveling adventures, pheasant hunting and dog training. Kelly and his wife of 26 years, Suzie Dunkerley – Professor of Veterinary Medicine at Tulsa Community College, along with their daughter Antoinette who attends TCC, reside in Jenks and are active in their church.

For more information, please visit www.kellydunkerley.com.

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